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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES RELATIVE  
TO TEST SUBSTRATES AND METHODS  
FOR FABRICATING THE STABILIZERS**

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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.105**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Response follows a requirement for information under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 dated February 2, 2006 (hereinafter "the Information Requirement"). A two-month shortened statutory period for responding to the Information Requirement has been set and expires on April 2, 2006.

In the Information Requirement, the Office has requested the identity (title, citation, copy) of each publication that is a source used for the description of Figures 1-4 of the above-referenced application.

As an initial matter, the "PRIOR ART" designations that accompanied the originally filed drawings have been removed because they do not constitute prior art under the statute

(i.e., 35 U.S.C. § 102). There was no prior source for the subject matter depicted in Figs. 1 through 4. Further, a reading of the "BACKGROUND" section of the above-referenced application indicates that they are merely based on the inventor's recognition of a potential problem.

As Figs. 1 through 4 were not based on any particular publication, the information that has been required by the Office cannot be provided.

In view of the foregoing, it should be apparent to the Office, as well as to anyone who reads the specification of the above-referenced application, that the original designation of Figs. 1 through 4 as "PRIOR ART" was merely an error. As such, removal of the "PRIOR ART" designation from each of Figs. 1 through 4 does not amount to the introduction of new matter into the above-referenced application.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the Information Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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